## **Amendments to the Claims:**

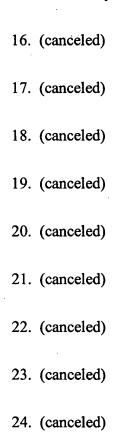
This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

- 1. (currently amended) A light-sensitive color photographic element for recording an image comprising a support and, coated on the support, a plurality of hydrophilic-colloid layers, comprising radiation-sensitive silver-halide emulsions and at least one dye image-forming coupler, forming three image recording layer units for separately recording blue, green, and red exposures, wherein the dye-image-forming coupler in at least one image recording layer in at least one the three image recording layer units comprises consists essentially of an infrared dye-forming coupler for image formation instead of a colored dye-forming coupler for recording the blue, green or red exposure.
- 2. (currently amended) The photographic or photothermographic element of claim 1 wherein the element comprises a blue light-sensitive layer unit having a magenta dye forming coupler, a green light-sensitive layer having a cyan dye-forming coupler, and a red light-sensitive layer having the infrared dye-forming coupler instead of a cyan dye-forming coupler.
- 3. (original) The photographic element of claim 1 wherein the at least one image recording layer comprises a developing agent or precursor thereof in reactive association with the infrared dye-forming coupler that together forms a dye having an absorption in the infrared region.
- 4. (original) The photographic element of claim 1 wherein the element is a photothermographic film.
- 5. (previously presented) The photographic element of claim 3, wherein the element comprises only magenta, cyan and infrared dye-forming couplers in reactive association with a developing agent.

- 6. (previously presented) The photographic element of claim 5, wherein the developing agent is a paraphenylene compound selected from the group consisting of 4-N, N-dialkylaminoanilines and 2-alkyl-4-N,N-dialkylaminoanilines.
- 7. (previously presented) The photographic element of claim 4, wherein the photothermographic element comprises at least one blue light-sensitive layer comprising a magenta dye-forming coupler, at least one green light- sensitive layer having a cyan dye-forming coupler, and at least one red light-sensitive layer having the infrared dye-forming coupler instead of a cyan dye-forming coupler.
- 8. (currently amended) A light-sensitive color photographic element comprising a support and, coated on the support, a plurality of hydrophilic colloid layers, comprising radiation-sensitive silver-halide emulsion and at least one dye image-forming coupler, forming three recording layer units for separately recording blue, green, and red exposures, wherein the dye image-forming couplers in the element consists essentially of mprises-yellow, magenta and cyan dye-forming couplers and a developing agent or precursor thereof that is capable of shiftsing the hue of the dye formed by the cyan dye-forming coupler to an- the infrared for image formation dye.
- 9. (previously presented) The photographic element of claim 8, wherein the developing agent is of a paraphenylene diamine compound.
- 10. (original) The photographic element of claim 9, wherein the hueshifting developing agent is a 2,5-dialkyl-4-N, N-dialkylaminoaniline.
- 11. (previously presented) The photographic element of claim 1 in which the only couplers present are a cyan dye-forming coupler, a near-infrared dye-forming coupler, and a far-infrared dye forming coupler.
- 12. (currently amended) The photographic element of claim 1, wherein the element has only magenta, cyan and infrared dye-forming couplers in combination with a [hue-shifting]-paraphenylene diamine developer or precursor thereof that shifts the hue of the cyan and infra-red dye-forming couplers to a near-infrared and far-infrared dye.

- 13. (original) The photographic element of claim 1 in which the total amount of color masking coupler is not more than 0.2 mmol/m<sup>2</sup>.
- 14. (original) The photographic element of claim 1 in which the total amount of permanent Dmin adjusting dyes is not more than 0.2 mmol/m<sup>2</sup>.
- 15. (original) The photographic element of claim 1 in which the permanent antihalation density is not more than 0.3 in the blue, green and red density.



26. (canceled)

25. (canceled)

27. (canceled)

28. (currently amended.) A light-sensitive color photothermographic element for recording an image comprising a support and, coated on the support, a plurality of

hydrophilic-colloid layers, comprising radiation-sensitive silver-halide emulsions and at least one dye image-forming coupler, and forming three image recording layer units for separately recording blue, green, and red exposures, wherein the dye image-forming couplers in at least one image recording layer inof the three image recording layer units consists essentially of infrared dye-forming coupler for image formation, wherein the infrared dye-forming coupler is capable of forming, in reactive association with an incorporated developing agent or precursor thereof, an infrared dye-instead of a colored dye; and wherein the element comprises a blue light-sensitive layer unit having a magenta dye forming coupler, a green light-sensitive layer having a cyan dye-forming coupler, and a red light-sensitive layer having said the infrared dye-forming coupler instead of a cyan dye-forming coupler.

29. (canceled.)